SPC & FMEA: Integrating Systems Thinking Into Your Quality Architecture to Drive Improvement

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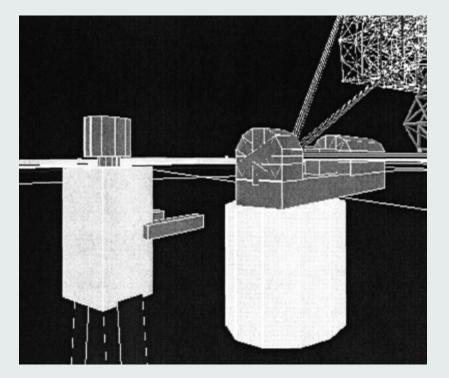


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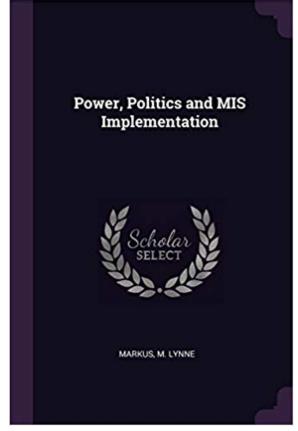


"In isolation, building more roads can certainly improve traffic conditions but these effects may only be local and only in the short run. **Congestion may become worse in other parts of the network** and experience shows that spare road capacity is quickly filled up with new cars.

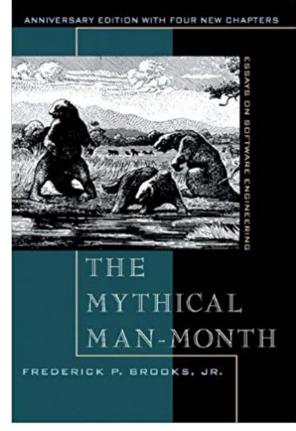
Even without the extra road users that new roads create, *if the new* roads are built in the wrong locations congestion may actually become worse simply because of the way people behave. Roads alone do not solve congestion in the long term; they are only one (problematic) tool in a transport management toolkit."

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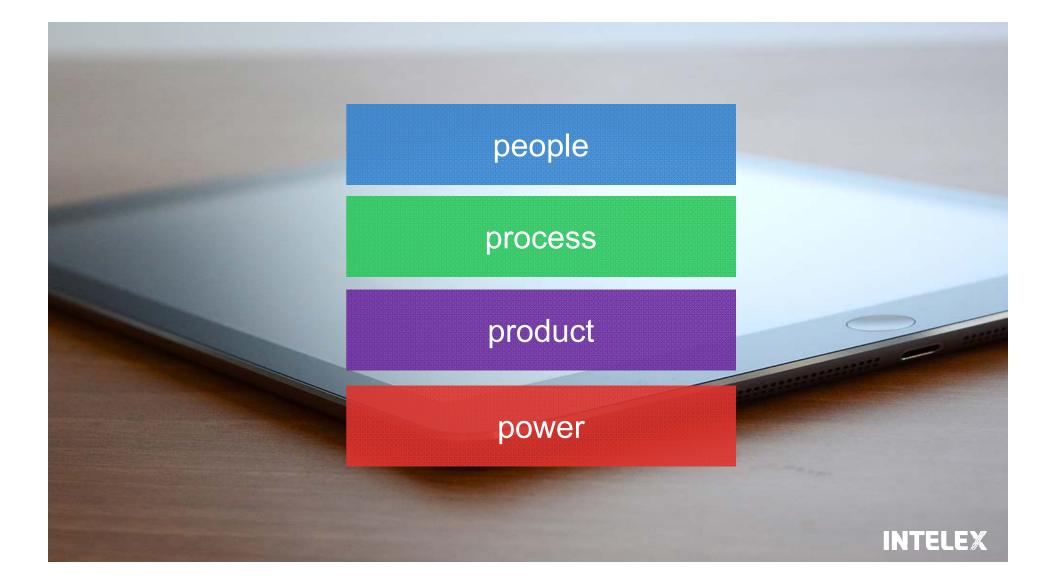


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Objectives

- 1. Describe how **FMEA** can be used to identify corrective and preventive actions, launch improvement plans, and address risk
- 2. Explain **SPC** terminology, basic concepts, and how to apply it -- particularly beyond manufacturing
- 3. Explain how QMS components work together, including NCR, CAPA, FMEA, SPC, DMAIC, APQP/PPAP, document management, training management, audit management, design controls, material controls, equipment and facility controls, and change control.

To help your organization:

- 1. Avoid disconnected (and inefficient) management of quality events
- 2. Identify quality issues faster/more effectively
- 3. Capture opportunities for improvement

Motivation

Intelex released a **Process FMEA** module designed for collaboration between business and engineering

New partnership with **InfinityQS** for **Statistical Process Control (SPC)**

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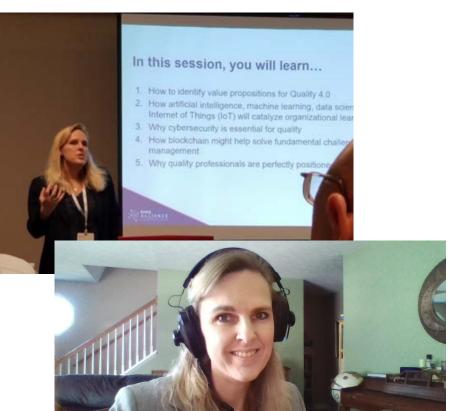
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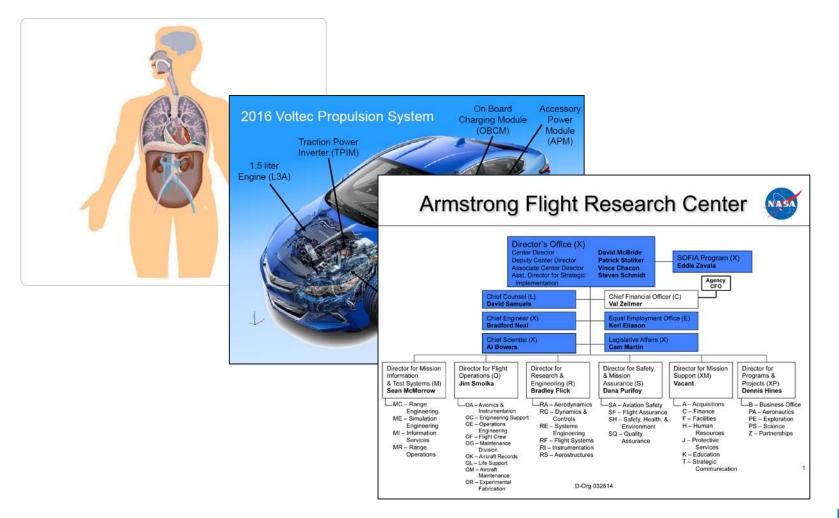
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1: Systems Thinking

how quality management tackles wicked problems





What is systems thinking?

Exercise

Two people take 2 hours to dig a hole 5 feet deep.

How deep would the hole be if 4 people dug for 6 hours?

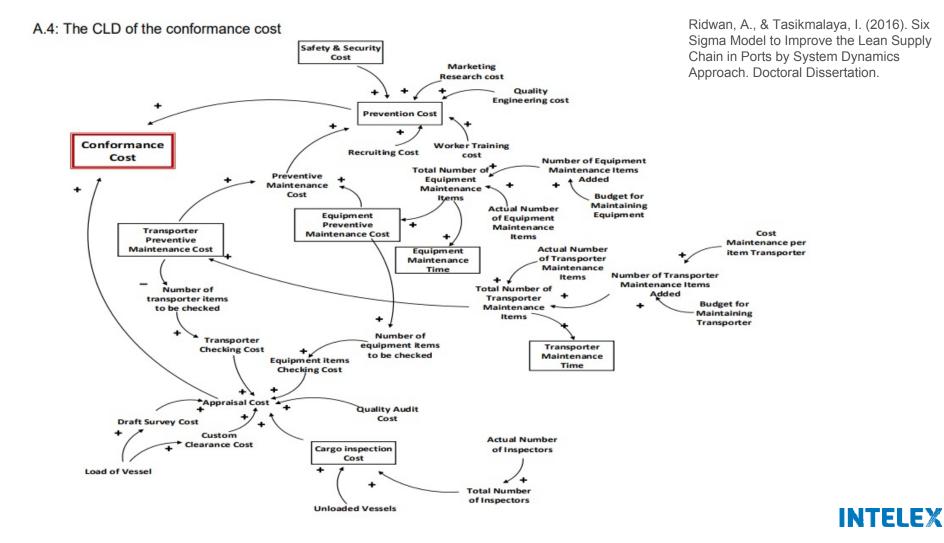


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More realistic answers?

- 1. Deeper soil layers might be harder to excavate.
- 2. The job might not have the proper permit.
- 3. The people might refuse to work for 6 hours straight.
- 4. A lack of ladders or shovels or space might prevent progress.
- 5. They might hit bedrock or the water table (or gold or oil or ancient relics or an underground cable or vicious carnivores).
- 6. The maximum depth might have been specified as 5 feet.
- 7. Greenpeace or the neighbors might protest.
- 8. The workers might not have proper training in ABET outcome d.
- 9. The work might be scheduled for a religious holiday.
- 10. The original workers might have had excavating equipment.

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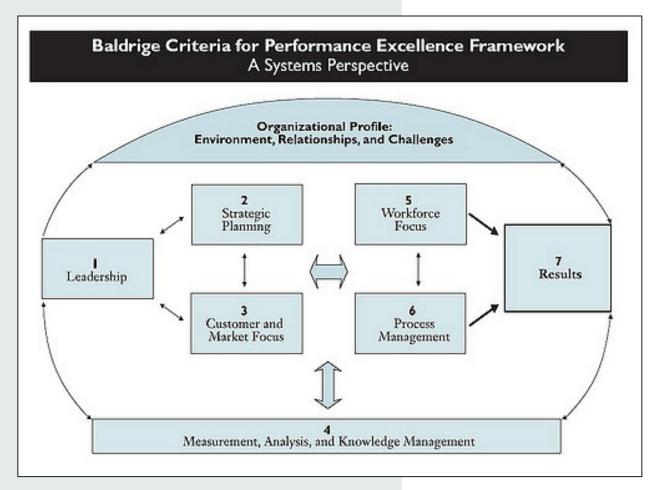


Dependencies Connections Causal Links Feedback Complexity





- Learn about complex problems that change
- Design for system performance, not subsystem performance
- Communicate across functional boundaries
- Incorporate social, ethical, political context
- Incorporate environment, health, safety



Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence (US)

From: Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence (2017).



2: Failure Mode Effects Analysis (FMEA)

figuring out what can go wrong, and fixing or anticipating it



Why do FMEA?

- The sooner you solve a potential quality or safety problem, the less it will cost in \$\$ and reputation.
- To do this, you have to identify risks and hazards and take actions to address them, so that failures do not occur.
- It's one step towards "zero defects" production.
- FMEA is also used to identify Critical to Quality (CTQ) characteristics and Special Characteristics (SC)

FMEA Components: Failure Mode \rightarrow Effect \rightarrow Cause \rightarrow Control

•Failure Mode: What bad thing might happen \rightarrow

•Effect: What problems or issues will that bad thing lead to \rightarrow

•Cause: What's the root cause of the bad thing/what will make it go away → •Control:

- Prevention: Can we prevent the thing from happening?
- **Detection**: Can we provide early awareness that the thing might happen?

Include controls that exist as well as controls that don't exist -- but maybe should.



Process Step	Potential Failure Mode	Potential Failure Effect	SEV ¹	Potential Causes	OCC ²	Current Process Controls	DET ³	RPN⁴	Action Recommended
What is the step?	In what ways can the step go wrong?	What is the impact on the customer if the failure mode is not prevented or corrected?	How severe is the effect on the customer?	What causes the step to go wrong (i.e., how could the failure mode occur)?	How frequently is the cause likely to occur?	What are the exist- ing controls that either prevent the failure mode from occurring or detect it should it occur?	How probable is detection of the failure mode or its cause?	Risk priority number calculated as SEV x OCC x DET	What are the actions for reducing the occurrence of the cause or for improving if detection? Provide actions on all high RPNs and on severity ratings of 9 or 10.
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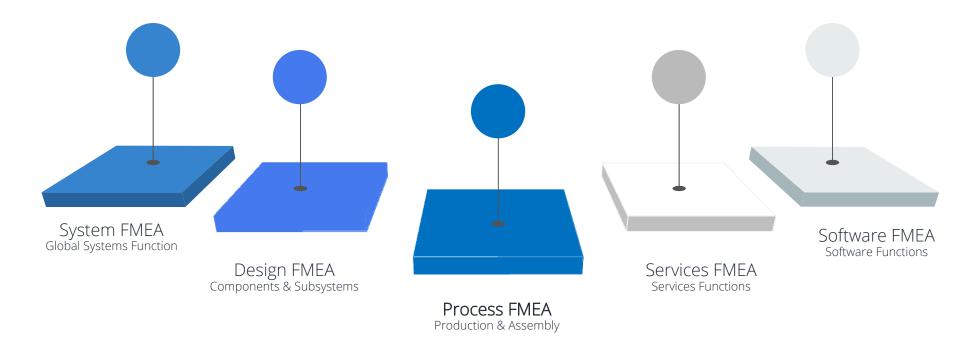
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Tailored FMEA

Specific solution approaches tailored to the needs of the business



A new method has been added in automotive with AIAG-VDA-5: **FMEA for Monitoring and System Response (FMEA-MSR)** which "is intended to maintain a safe state (i.e. safety) or state of regulatory (i.e. environmental) compliance during customer operation."



Why Incorporate Risk-Based Thinking with FMEA?

To make better decisions in uncertain environments:

- •Reduce frequency of losses
- •Reduce likelihood of losses
- •Reduce costs of losses
- Improve response time
- Reduce stress
- Increase communication
- •Enhance learning
- •Capture opportunities for improvement

From Willumsen, P., Oehmen, J., Rossi, M., & Welo, T. (2017). Applying lean thinking to risk management in product development. In Proc. 21st Intl. Conf. on Engr. Design (ICED 17), Vancouver, 269-278.

"... in the end it is all about how organizational insights and knowledge are turned into strategic insights and advantage."

Harry Hertz, Director Emeritus Baldrige Performance Excellence Program



3: Statistical Process Control (SPC)

finding process problems before they impact the product



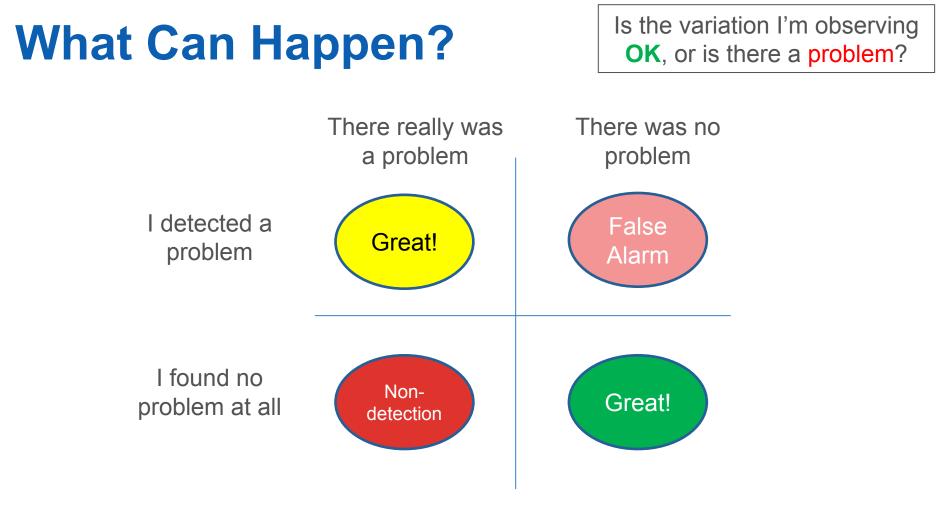
Value

The earlier problems are detected, the less they contribute to Cost of Quality (CoQ).

Catching a process-related problem early means you can minimize problems with products or services:

- •Prevent defects/recalls
- •Reduce waste/rework
- Improve productivity
- •Improve response time

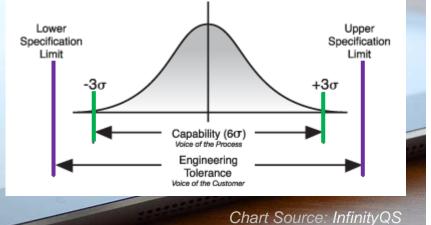
SPC can provide other benefits like added engagement in continuous improvement, and shifting perceptions in the organization from reactive to proactive.

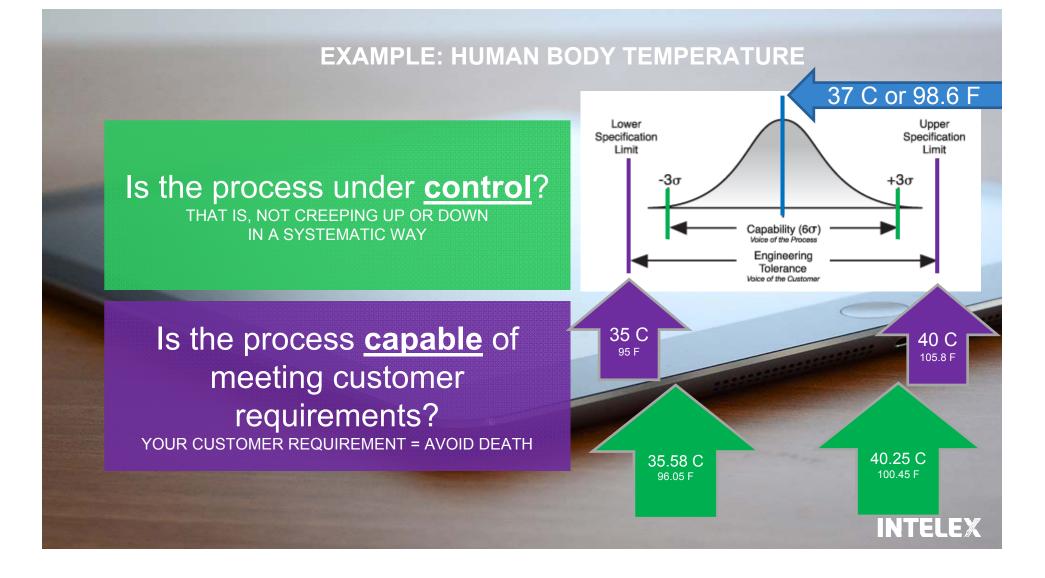


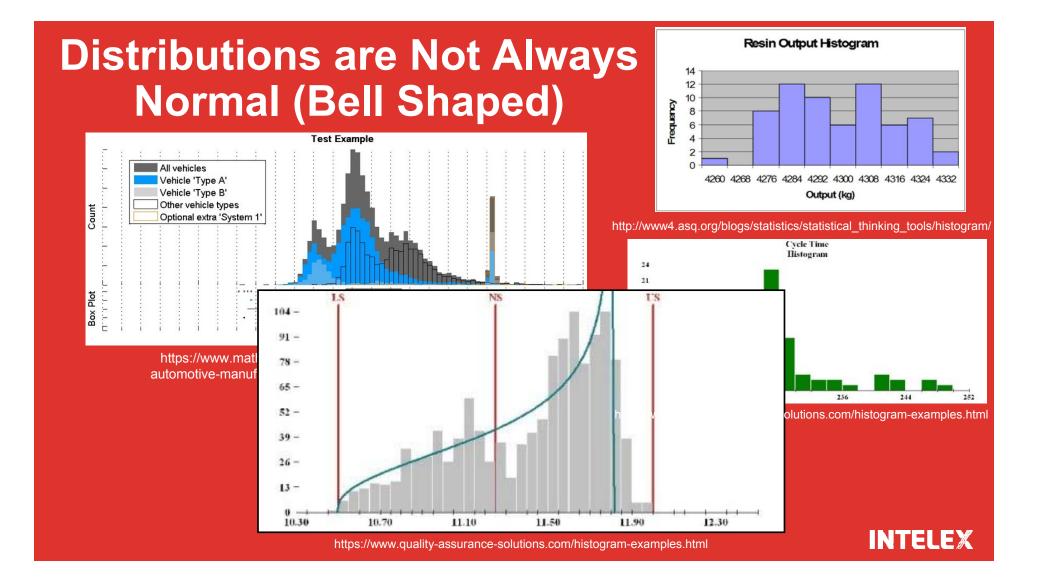
Is the process under **control**?

ASK CONTINUOUSLY DURING PRODUCTION

Is the process <u>capable</u> of meeting customer requirements? ASK DURING PROCESS DESIGN & CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES







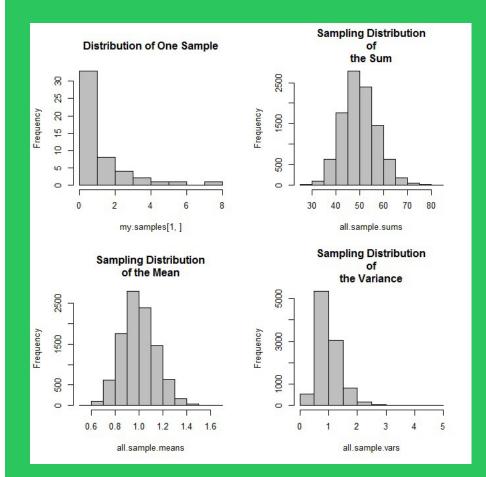


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Non-Normal Data?

No Problem: Take the average or sum of a batch of measurements and voila... bell-shaped(*)



1.SPC Preparation2.SPC in Operations

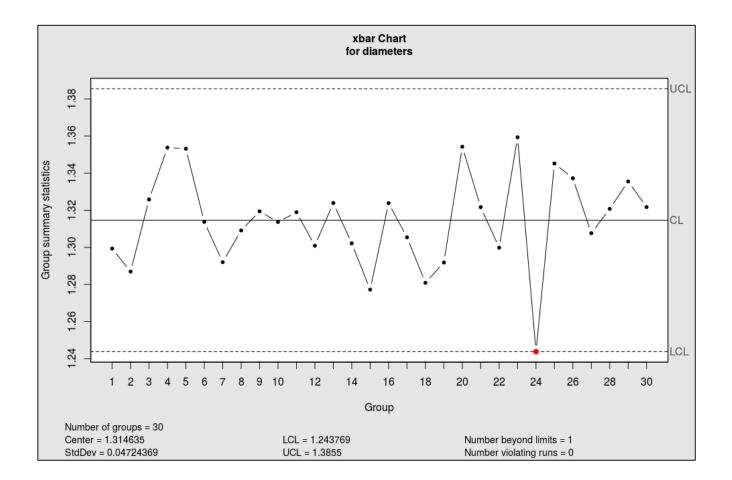


SPC Preparation

- 1. Start with flow chart for producing "part"
- 2. Figure out what's important to measure
 - FMEA, CTQ Trees, Design of Experiments (DOE), Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
- 3. Figure out what instrument will be used to measure it
 - o Is the instrument calibrated? Make sure you have documentation that it is!
 - o MSA-I (Gage Capability)
- 4. Determine which people will measure which parts
 - MSA-II (Gage R&R) can call out whether there are training or technique issues
- 5. Pick rational subgroups and devise a sampling plan
- 6. Record this control strategy in the control plan



CONTROL PLAN												
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Control Plan Number ABC101-23				Key Contact/Phone John Stone - Mfg Engineer, x5412				Date (Orig.) Date (Rev.) 1/1/10 12/11/11				
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1	Place leg, support, and armrest in assembly fixture	Fixture 987- 01F1	1D		Parts placed properly in fixture per drawing 987- 00	N	Parts oriented correctly (reference drawing 987- 00 with any questions)	Error proofer - parts cannot be mis-oriented	N/A	N/A	Error proofed	None required
2	Drive two screws to secure side support	Scrowdriver QR7	2D	Final screw depth		N	Screw heads sub-flush	Flush gige	5	Hourly	P-Chart	Re-inspect all product since last inspection and rework if needed
				Drive torque on screw	Y	Torque between 10 in-lb and 13 in-lb	Automatically monitored with electric screwdriver - alarm will sound if torque is out of range	100%	N/A	100% monitoring	If torque alarm sounds, stop production, verify proper screws, check plot hole diameter. If obrrect, contact maintenance and engineering.	
3	Drive three screws to secure arm rest	Pneumatic screwdriver 987- 01A2	2D	Screws seated sub- flush		N	Screw heads sub-flush	Slide flushness gage over screw locations - must move freely	5	Hourly	P-Chart	Re-inspect all product since last inspection and rework if needed
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Variable Data

Numbers that can be measured on a continuous scale (1.2, 8.3, 4.5, 2.3) or as discrete values (1, 2, 3, 4):

- •Height, width, thickness
- •Temperature
- •Weight, density
- •Force, torque
- •Time, cycle time, interarrival time

Attribute Data

Categories that describe a process. Record the # or % of items in a category, or the rate (# or % divided by a period of time): •Number of defects •Defects per unit, box, pallet, etc. •Defects per shift, day, week, month, etc. •Quality Good/Quality Bad •Pass/Fail •Go/No-Go •Audit points Often there are only two categories.





- 7 heads
- 200 ml pouches (manually affixed)
- Produce 6 groups (42 pouches) per hour
- Two 8-hour shifts
- 672 juice pouches per day
- 20 machines just like this one

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- 7 types of cookies
 Cookie plate consists of 50 cookies, nearly evenly distributed across cookie types
- How could you assess the quality of these cookies?

http://www.gaylesbakery.com

Attribute Data for Rare Events

- Days between "Never Events" in healthcare, such as wrong site surgeries
- Days between infection outbreaks
- Product liability lawsuits over threshold
- Production line stoppages

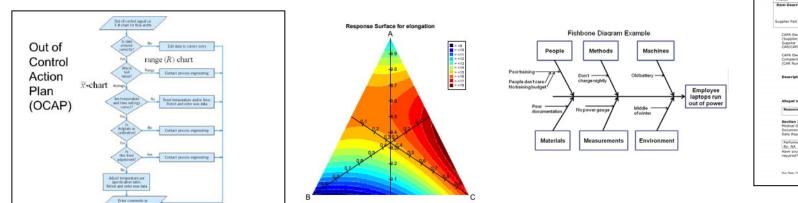
Crosses boundaries into safety management:

- Patient falls (healthcare)
- Days between safety incidents
- Days since last accident
- Accidental deaths or severe injuries

SPC in Operations

Now that you know what to measure for a particular part:

- 1.Select an appropriate control chart
- 2. Take 20-30 groups of observations and calculate control limits
- 3.Continuously monitor the process
- 4. If something deviates from those limits, take action



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Common Cause Variation (Do Nothing!)

The measurements typically bounce around a little bit, but it's OK because we expect to see:

•Variability in materials

•Variability in environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, humidity)

- •Variability between machines
- •Variability between operators

Machine wear

Special Cause Variation (Do Something!)

The production process needs help!

•Supplier materials are out of spec and your acceptance sampling didn't catch it

•A machine is failing or about to break down

•The operator is doing something wrong (either inappropriate technique, insufficient training, or just having a very bad day)

•There has been a change in the way the measurements are being made

•A "process shift" has occurred: operator, materials, methods, tools, machines, or environment has changed(*)

Reaction Plans (OCAP)

OCAPs (Out-of-Control Action Plans) provide work instructions for "special cause" events:

1.Continue process but monitor closely
2.Discontinue automation, run process manually with close observation
3.Follow alternative instructions
4.Stop process, make (and log) specified adjustments, resume
5.Stop, launch <u>corrective action</u>/ root cause analysis process, and resume

OCAPs should be linked to what specific rule was violated, e.g. an out-of-control point or a trend violation.

Often referenced on Control Plan:

Control plan for project Mail Rerouting

OCAP

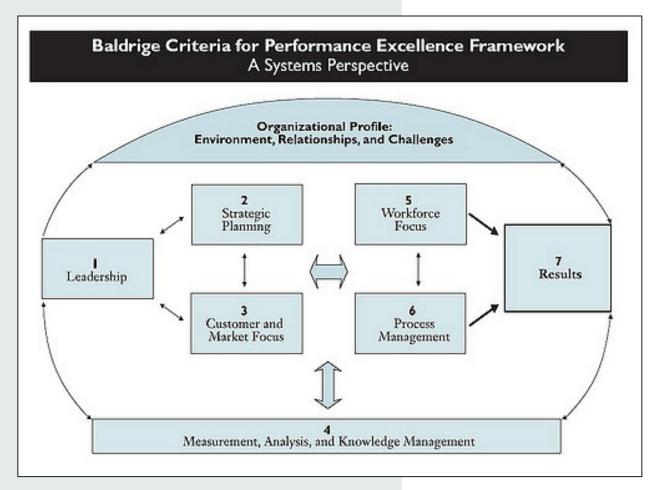
CONTROL PLAN Process: Handling & reworking rerouted mail Version: 2.3 Process owner: Mrs. Hendrickx Lower control Measurement Who How Where When Reporting Norm / spec. limit Which OCAP Correct sticker Regional manager Sampling with Output Monthly 85% OCAP HPB2 Senior dept. 95% measurement stream of controller use form each team Machine Senior dept. System data Input stream Monthly Manager 85% 80% OCAP HPS2 Sorting hub processed controller of sorting machines rerouted mail

From Kemper, B. P., Koning, S., Luijben, T. C., & Does, R. J. (2011). Quality guandaries: Cost and quality in postal service. *Quality Engineering*, *23*(3), 302-308.

4: Quality Architecture

systems, interactions, connections





Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence (US)

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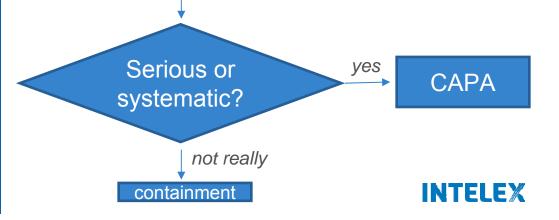


Quality Planning	Quality Assurance/ Quality Control	Quality Improvement
 Establish quality goals Understand organizational context (mission, vision, values, strategy, position, capabilities) Understand business environment Identify customer & stakeholder needs – Voice of Customer (VoC) Design products/services to meet needs Design processes for consistent production & related controls 	 Evaluate process performance Compare performance with quality goals Manage quality events, update controls Audits Management reviews Management reviews Nonconformances Incidents/near misses Complaints Out-of-control production Act to close the gaps Integrate lessons learned into Quality Planning 	 Build capabilities (people and technical) Build infrastructure Identify and justify needs and gaps Conduct improvement activities and establish controls to maintain them Quick wins (PDCA) Process improvement (DMAIC, Lean) Process design or redesign (DMADV) Business process mgmt (BPM) or Robotic Process Automation (RPA) Confirm/Validate changes

Quality Events

indicate that quality goals are not being met and action is needed

- Nonconforming product
- Incidents/near misses
- Customer complaints
- Recalls/warranty calls
- Deviations (from SOP)
- Out-of-control Action Plans
- Industry-specific events (e.g. MDRs)

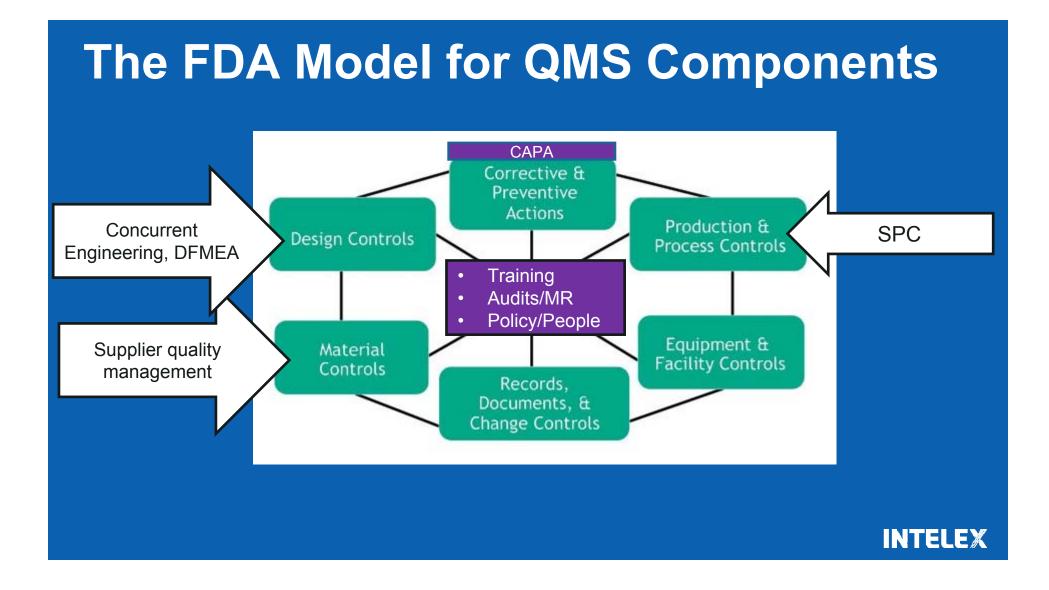


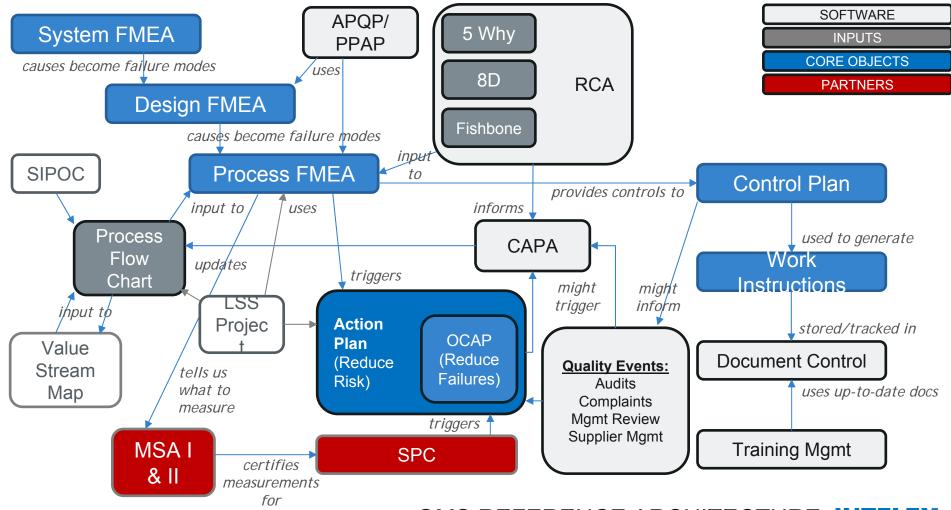
Quality Controls

to prevent or correct unwanted or unexpected change \rightarrow add stability and consistency

- Calibrations
- Maintenance
- Inspections
- Sampling incoming parts
- Process validation
- Mistake-proofing
- In-situ process monitoring
- Environment monitoring
- Professional testing/ competency assessment
- Training programs and reminders
- Corrective actions taken
- Information security/ network security







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Process Design:

we don't have a process yet, but we need to *develop* one that meets specifications and achieves quality goals

Root Cause Analysis/ Corrective Actions:

we need to *fix a problem* to restore our ability to satisfy quality goals

Process Improvement:

everything is going OK but *it could be better*

Value is in the integration points:

•Keeping track of Reaction Plans/OCAPs and when they change

•Managing linkage between FMEA and SPC monitor points

•Keeping records for when Reaction Plans/OCAPs are triggered

•Traceability through problem-solving process (e.g. RCA, 8D), corrective action(s), and observed outcomes

•Updating FMEAs after corrective actions, and flowing that down to SPC Control plan



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comprehensively, FMEA can reduce or eliminate the costs of failures and other errors. As part of a quality management system (QMS), the FMEA process can also document current knowledge and actions about the risks of failures, which can be used in continuous improvement activities. As a living document, FMEA can explore, identify and reveal hidden issues in both products and services, as well as prioritize responses to those issues.



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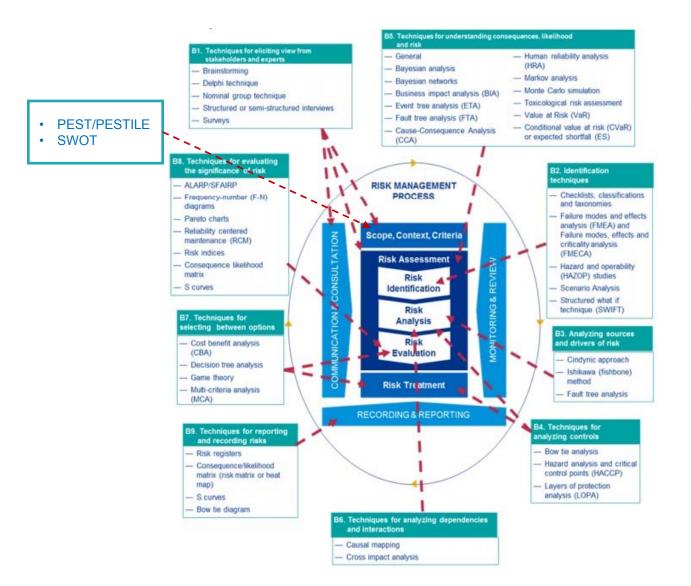
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Supplemental Slides





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For more methods, consult the text of ISO/IEC 31010 Risk management methods



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Subgroup Size	Chart Type(s)	Choose this when
1	I-MR	 Data is difficult or expensive to collect (e.g. in a blast furnace, destructive testing) Production is in small-volume production runs or runs that take a lot of time (e.g. brewing lager or kombucha) Measurements can't be taken in groups (e.g. temperature of a tank)
Small (2-10) and does not change	Xbar-R	 Measurements tend to cluster around a mean (normally distributed) with consistent variability
Large (>10) and changes	Xbar-S	Inspection process doesn't change often
Any	CUSUM, EMWA	Tiny variations in the process need to be detected



Attribute
Charts

Subgroup Size	Chart Type(s)	Choose this when
Any, but stays the same	np	 Monitoring number of defects = nonconforming (failed) items in a batch
Any, and can change	р	 Monitoring proportion of defects = nonconforming (failed) items in a batch divided by batch size
Any, but stays the same	C	 Monitoring total number of defects in each unit/product, or total number of some event that occurs per unit time
Any, and can change	u	 Monitoring average number of defects per unit/product, or rate of occurrence of some event that occurs per unit time
N/A	g	Monitoring number of events between rarely- occurring errors or nonconforming incidents
N/A	т	Monitoring passage of time between rarely- occurring errors or nonconforming incidents